

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, July 9th, 2018
4:30 P.M at the Youth Center

Present: Findley Holland, Arsalan Siddiqui, Alison Longworth (Liaison)

Absent: Honora Hammett, Jeremy Tuthill

Guests: Jasmine Taylor (Prospective Member), Keith Smith (Prospective Member)

Findley Holland called order at 4:35 pm.

Old Business

1. **Youth Forum Updates:** Arsalan Siddiqui talked about having a forum and presentation next school year during Roosevelt's code of conduct assemblies. He said we would need to start working on a presentation and getting ideas soon. Arsalan said he has contacted the school administration and they said they are fine with the YAC holding a forum. During the assembly, YAC members will give a short presentation, around 5 minutes, and after-school, there can be a longer youth forum. Findley suggested that we update our presentation slides, as new members have joined and a few have resigned.
2. **YAC Liaison Reports:**
 - a. Findley Holland: Community Relations Advisory Board - Did not attend meeting
 - b. Arsalan Siddiqui: Parks and Recreations Advisory Board- The board agreed to select Greenbelt Station as Greenbelt's next dog park. They also agreed to raise the salary of the lifeguards, similar to Montgomery County and also talked about the summer camp enrollment, which were going well. This was their last meeting before meeting again in September.
3. **Voter Registration Event at ERHS:** Arsalan said he has contacted Ms. Pamela Gregory from the Greenbelt Elections Board to have a voter drive from high schoolers sometime before the Midterm 2018 elections. He also confirmed with Ms. Pamela Gregory that voter registration volunteers need to be at least 18 and undergo training before independently registering voters.
4. **Youth Economic Accountability:** Arsalan said he will contact cities that have already started to implement this idea. Arsalan also said that he will try to see if some cities that will be coming to the NLC City Summit have also implemented it, and ask them questions.
5. **Youth Higher Learning Prep:** The members decided it would be a good idea to have high schoolers go to Greenbelt Middle School, most probably during school, and talk about aspects of high school such as:
 - What high school is like
 - Transition from middle school to high school
 - Course Selections/AP Courses
 - Extra-Curricular activities
 - Languages
 - Arts
 - Sports

Alison Longworth suggested it would be best to gather all of the ideas and come up with a presentation before emailing administrators of both schools. The members decided to send the email before December 2018.

New Business

- 1. Chairperson Elections:** Because not all members were present at the meeting, the members decided to have a vote on email, where nominees will be determined. The elections can then take place in the next or September meeting.
- 2. Committee Initiated Discussions:** Jasmine Taylor said that mental health has become a big problem in Greenbelt and suggested that there be more programs to help tackle this issue. Keith Smith also echoed the concern and said he too would like a stronger focus on mental health related issues, and would like to see more young people getting involved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm

Respectfully submitted, Arsalan Siddiqui